GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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TRANSPORT SUBSIDY SCHEME
SUBODH ROY

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether no transport subsidy has been given to Lakshadweep, though the scheme to promote industry in remote, hilly and inaccessible areas was launched in 1971;

(b) if so, whether Sikkim and Andaman and Nicobar Islands have also not been given subsidy during 1998-99 and 1999-2000;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to release the transport subsidy to these U.Ts for the above period?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) to (d): Under the Transport Subsidy Scheme, 1971, the Central Government reimburses the amounts disbursed by State Governments/Union Territory Administrations to eligible industrial units located in the selected areas. No reimbursement claims have been received from the Union Territories of Lakshadweep and Andaman Nicobar Islands and the State of Sikkim in respect of the periods in question.